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HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1306

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning environmental law.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 13-11-2-265 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 265. (a) "Waters", for purposes of water pollution control laws and environmental management laws, means:

- (1) the accumulations of water, surface and underground, natural and artificial, public and private; or
 - (2) a part of the accumulations of water;
- that are wholly or partially within, flow through, or border upon Indiana.

(b) The term "**waters**" does not include (1) a private pond or (2) an off-stream pond, reservoir, or facility built for reduction or control of pollution or cooling of water before discharge unless the discharge from the pond, reservoir, or facility causes or threatens to cause water pollution.

SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) The environmental quality service council shall do the following:

- (1) To the extent the following are involved in the implementation of a rational wetland management policy, consider:
 - (A) Protection of surface and ground water quality.
 - (B) Control of location of accumulations of water.
 - (C) Water rights.

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- (D) Agricultural land use.
- (E) Nonagricultural land use.
- (F) Flood control.
- (G) Natural habitat protection.
- (H) Any other matter the council identifies.
- (2) Recommend principles for addressing state or local government management of and, with respect to state management, state agency responsibility for:
 - (A) land areas with wetland characteristics; and
 - (B) location and quantity of nonwetland surface water; not under the jurisdiction of the federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1341).
- (3) Recommend a framework for overall state policy on wetlands to implement the 1996 Indiana Wetland Conservation Plan with goals, objectives, and responsibilities, including recommendations on:
 - (A) as a long term strategy, the types and functions of wetlands that are valued in particular geographic areas; and
 - (B) the means for restoring, maintaining, and protecting wetlands, including identification of agencies to be involved and the incentives to be offered.
- (4) Recommend the appropriate role and components of banking programs as part of a mitigation rule to foster private initiatives to restore wetlands in the context of a rational statewide wetland strategy.
- (5) Consider the options for statutory definition of "private pond" and explain the implications of each option.
- (6) Submit its final report on the matters referred to in subdivisions (1) through (5) before November 1, 2002, to:
 - (A) the governor; and
 - (B) the executive director of the legislative services agency.
- (b) The environmental quality service council shall consult with and otherwise involve in its proceedings for consideration of the matters listed in subsection (a):
 - (1) the director of the department of natural resources or the director's designee; and
 - (2) representatives of all federal agencies involved in the regulation of wetlands.
- (c) A state agency or board may not:
 - (1) adopt or amend an administrative rule concerning the definition of "wetlands" or "isolated wetlands"; or

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(2) enforce an administrative rule promulgated after January 1, 2002, that concerns the definition of "wetlands" or "isolated wetlands";

until the environmental quality service council has submitted its final report under subsection (a)(6) or May 1, 2003, whichever occurs first.

SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1996 (RETROACTIVE)] The amendment of IC 13-11-2-265(b) by this act applies retroactively to July 1, 1996. By its amendment of IC 13-11-2-265(b), the general assembly intends that there be no substantive difference in the law as amended by this act and the law as it was constituted before the enactment of P.L.1-1996 (recodification of IC 13).

SECTION 4. An emergency is declared for this act.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Approved: _____

Governor of the State of Indiana

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